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### Solar Energy Installation Begins at Ann Arbor Farmers' Market

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 9, 2008 — The City of Ann Arbor launched its most substantial solar energy project to date with installation in progress of 156 solar panels at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market (315 Detroit St.). The 10 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system on the market's northerly shed structure will be capable of powering the entire facility — the equivalent of five homes. The project is funded by the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority and is targeted for completion in July 2008.

U.S. Department of Energy Project Officer Steven Palmeri joined Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje and other city officials to kick-off the solar initiative last Monday, June 2. The DOE has designated Ann Arbor as one of 25 Solar America Cities and presented the official Solar America Cities signage at the June 2 City Council meeting. Signage will be displayed at the Farmers' Market and at other solar energy project sites as well as throughout Ann Arbor.

Solar America Cities recognizes cities that have committed to serve as models for the integration of solar energy in their communities.

For additional details on the city's numerous solar and other energy-related initiatives, visit the city's Energy Office Web site at [www.a2gov.org/energy](http://www.a2gov.org/energy). For information on DOE's Solar America Cities program, visit: [www.solaramericacities.org](http://www.solaramericacities.org).

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named one of the top 25 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2006, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*

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Construction began Monday, June 2, 2008, to install 156 solar panels on the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market northerly shed roofs. The 10 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system supports the city's efforts to reach a 20 percent renewable energy goal for the entire community by 2015.



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*(left to right)* City Energy Coordinator David Konkle, Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje, U.S. Department of Energy Project Officer Steve Palmeri, and Dave Feldbauer of RCI Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc. hold a roof panel featuring a solar collector that will be installed at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market. Ann Arbor's dedication to renewable energy led to its designation as one of just 25 U.S. Department of Energy Solar America Cities.



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John Wakeman of SUR Energy holds a segment of metal roof with a photovoltaic panel that is being installed at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market, the city's most substantial renewable energy installation to date.